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Need help?

American Association of Diabetes Educators
800-TEAM-UP4
www.aadenet.org

American Diabetes Association
800-342-2383
www.diabetes.org

American Dietetic Association
800-366-1655
www.eatright.org

American Heart Association
800-AHA-USA1
www.americanheart.org

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
877-232-3422
www.cdc.gov/diabetes

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
301-592-8573
www.nhlbi.nih.gov

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse
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Emergency Phone Number

Insurance ID Number

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Control the ABCs of Diabetes

A1C
Blood Pressure
Cholesterol

For more information, visit the National Diabetes Education Program at www.ndep.nih.gov

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www.ndep.nih.gov
1-800-438-5383

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If you have diabetes, you are at high risk for heart attack and stroke. Heart disease is more likely to strike you—and at an earlier age—than someone without diabetes.

But you can fight back. Be smart about your heart. Take control of the ABCs of diabetes and live a long and healthy life.

A is for A1C
The A1C (A-one-C) test—short for hemoglobin A1C—measures your average blood glucose (sugar) over the last 3 months. Suggested target: below 7

B is for blood pressure
High blood pressure makes your heart work too hard. Suggested target: below 130/80

C is for cholesterol
Bad cholesterol, or LDL, builds up and clogs your blood vessels. Suggested LDL target: below 100

Ask your health care provider these questions:

1. What are my ABC numbers?
2. What should my ABC target numbers be?
3. What actions should I take to reach my ABC target numbers?

Take action now to lower your risk for heart attack and stroke and other diabetes problems:

- Get at least 30 minutes of physical activity 5 days a week.
- Eat less fat and salt.
- Eat more fiber—choose whole grains, fruits, vegetables and beans.
- Stay at a healthy weight.
- Stop smoking—ask your provider for help.
- Take medicines as prescribed.
- Ask your doctor about taking aspirin.
- Ask others to help you manage your diabetes.

Be smart about your heart!

Keep a record of your ABCs!
Tear off this card and keep it in your wallet so you can track your ABCs when you visit your health care provider. Work with your provider to reach your target numbers.

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